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LOCAL NOTINGS

It may be "Alberta dry 21st July," as the meteorologists slogan says, but it certainly is not Alberta Dry 19th May.

Sid Worthington, son of J. T. Worthington, has enlisted in the 56th at Calgary.

A bunch of 41 horses belonging to a railway contractor or stayed here overnight on their way from Bassano to Calgary.

Owing to the rain and snowstorm, Mr. Geo. J. B. Lane's auction sale, which was to have taken place on Friday, and the U. F. A. auction sale, were postponed. Mr. Lane's sale will take place on Friday of this week, at 1 p.m.

Farmers who have horses to dispose of should take particular notice of the advertisement in any other column of this issue relating to the visit of the Government buyers here on Wednesday, May 26.

Victoria or Empire Day falls on Monday of next week, May 24, and is generally observed as a Dominion Holiday. Last year the custom was with the stores to drop the Wednesday half holiday on any week on which there is a Dominion Holiday, and we suppose the same plan will be followed out this year.

There is a difference between liberty and license. Pro-Germans should not be permitted to make itself heard in the British Empire. All British subjects to whom pro-German sentiment can be brought home should be arrested, prosecuted and punished as the traitors they are—Alberta, Calgary.

A novel idea is the "Trip Round the World," which will take place shortly, having been postponed from today on account of the roads. "Countries visited will be: "Primitive" Alberta, France, Ireland, Britain, United States, Canada. Germany being effectively blockaded cannot be visited, and anyway food is too scarce there to justify the effort involved in an attempt to get to it. The idea of the trip, which is fully explained in the posters, is a good one, and we trust that a large number will take advantage.

Have you got your ticket yet for the Banff excursion on June 30th? It is not late now.

The annual auction sale of Pure Bred Bulls, under the auspices of the A. W. A. Cattle Breeders' Assoc., will take place at the Department of Agriculture on Wednesday, June 2.

Mrs. L. B. O. Ledwell, Secretary of Strathmore Patriotic Association, has received communications from Lady Lawley, Secretary of Queen Mary's Needlework Guild thanking the Association for the latest consignments of material sent.

Since writing the above, we are informed that the "Trip Round the World" has been postponed to a date to be announced later, on account of the condition of the roads.

An enjoyable wheat drive was held by Strathmore Rehearsal in the Duff Block on Friday evening last. The prize winners were Mrs. Seese and Miss Morris (tie) and Mr. H. F. McDonald. The consolation prizes were secured by Mrs. A. W. Givon and Mr. John Mackenzie.

Strathmore School Board held their regular meeting last Tuesday evening.

A complaint from Strathmore U. F. A. was read last night's Town Council meeting, with regard to the state of the road east of the Damstration Farm. It has been bad all spring, but the rains of last week have rendered it almost impassable. This is an important road, and the Council should get it put into shape, as it is one of the main trade routes into the town.

Mr. D. W. Goodwin, Station agent, left on Sunday on a five weeks visit to his home at Port Elgin, New Brunswick. During his absence Mr. Barr, relieving agent is handling the local business.

The latest addition to local businesses is the confectionery parlor, soda fountain, etc., opened up by Mr. Harold A. Wright. Details will be found in our advertising columns. Mr. Wright has opened up Messrs. Martin & Evans old store next to the Union Bank, and has got it well stocked and equipped for the summer's business.

The 31st Battalion, including a number of local boys, left last Tuesday evening for the front over the C.N.R. "Scotty" McGregor sends his best love to everybody in Strathmore, and encloses a photo showing himself and a number of others engaged in trench-digging.

The Brooks Bulletin is rather annoyed at the remark of a traveller, quoted in one of our recent issues, that Strathmore, Bassano, and Gleichen, were the only Southern Alberta towns that he could get any business from. The Bulletin retorts by enumerating the articles he might find sale for at these towns, and his Strathmore specialty is, according to the Bulletin, geographies, seeing we have a reduced train service from the C.P.R. Strathmore, we might inform the Bulletin, a coming independent of the P.R., for at the rate at which automobiles are being sold here we soon won't have much use for the railways. The geographies, however, would come in handy.

C. V. Vanscoy, committed for trial at Calgary two weeks ago on a serious charge, has been released on \$10,000 bail.

Several trainloads of troops from the coast passed through here on Saturday evening and Sunday morning, bound for the front.

If you find a red tag on your paper this week, it means that you owe a dollar.

The storm last week brought down some of the long distance telephone wires.

Try the high-class wines, liquors and cigars, at the Maple Leaf Hotel, combined with the prompt service they are unequalled.

Namaka Sports, May 24

Several new businesses have started in town this spring, and merchants report business brisk all round.

Bert Berry, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Berry, has left on a visit to Europe with his uncle.

The manager, chef, and all employees are white at the Maple Leaf Hotel.

Heavy Rains and Snowfall

THREE INCHES IN THREE DAYS

All fear of a drought is now put to one side for 1915 by the weather of the past week. There had been no crops suffering for want of moisture previous to this but there were not wanting, as ever, prophets of evil, who cheerfully predicted a rainless year.

To confute the pessimists, and to show what he could do, Jupiter Pluvius turned on the water-works on Thursday noon, and after thirty hours steady rain finished off by putting a nice covering of about a foot of snow on top. The snowfall lasted till Saturday evening.

At 8 o'clock on Friday morning, according to our weather report published in another column, the inch of rain had fallen. The following morning raining brought the total up to 2.55 inches, and high damp snow of the kind that fell Friday and Saturday is somewhat difficult to measure, yet the total would amount to three inches. When it is remembered that the average precipitation of this country for the past twenty years has been about 17 inches per year, 2.55 inches in three days is equivalent to one-fifth of the average annual rainfall.

The snow melted very fast once the fall had stopped, and by today it has nearly all disappeared, and the ground is thoroughly soaked.

As seeding was about completed in this district, and wheat was in most cases up several inches, the moisture could not have come at a more opportune time. With warm weather following the crop will come along fast, and from present indications we should have the earliest and largest crop for several years.

Some anxiety was felt as to the fate of cattle out through the snowstorm, but so far as we can learn they have come through with very little loss.

In some cases trees sustained damage owing to the weight of snow breaking down the branches.

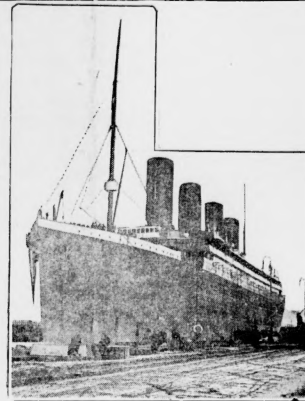
It appears that the fall was gentler, all over the West, and it will be a potent factor in making Canada's contribution to the Empire's breadbasket a notable one this year.

The Band

After a couple of months of diligent practice, Strathmore Brass Band made their first public appearance for the season at the ball game a week ago Wednesday, and also for some time in the evening. They also made a very good showing, and the selections given were much enjoyed.

It is the intention of the band to accompany the excursion to Banff on the 31st of next month.

A suggestion has been put forward that a bandstand be placed in the park, and the band could play there in the evenings. This is a very good idea, and the cost of a band stand would be comparatively small. Now that we have the park it is the duty of the citizens to make the best possible use of it. There is no doubt that many would come in from the country if band concerts were announced for set evenings. A suggestion has also been put forward that a dancing platform, say on the recreation park, for the benefit of those who would like to trip the light fantastic to the music of the band.



The Lusitania, Torpedoed off the South of Ireland with a loss of over 1100 lives

Value of Irrigation Questioned in Court Case

The struggle that has been on for several years past between the C.P.R. and some of the farmers settled on irrigated land bought from the Company was brought a step further by the commencement of the hearing on Monday, before Mr. Justice Hyndman in the Supreme Court, by a farmer named Babcock, residing in the Gleichen district. He is suing the Company for rescission of his contract and asking the court to order that the land be assessed as non-irrigable and that he pay accordingly. There is a difference of \$10 per acre in the price, and also asking that the water record be struck out. The hearing of this case will take the greater part of next week and will be featured by the presence of expert witnesses on the subject of irrigation on both sides, while eminent counsel have been retained to represent the litigants in the person of A. H. Clarke, K. C., for the plaintiff and O. M. Biggar, K. C., for the defendant company. The plaintiff in this case is backed by the protesting farmers, and the decision will affect the status of

All holders of irrigation land in the Bow Valley Irrigation Block. Several local officials of the Company will be on the witness stand, and also some of the objecting farmers. It is expected that whatever side wins in the present trial the matter will be carried to a higher court, yet it is felt that the decision given in the Alberta Court will have a considerable effect on local conditions. For one thing it will lay bare the arguments on both sides, which so far have been most contradictory. It is said that the objecting farmers will have expert evidence led, in addition to expert evidence that will be presented on behalf of the Company.

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THE EDITOR



The Turk's Last Stand
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